

cess were cases of simple wakefulness. Here bromural was used in doses of from 0.3 to 0.6 to produce sleep. Runck, who tried bromural in pædiatry, found it superior to all other drugs in night sweats of phthisical patients. He maintains that bromural is a sedative for the cutaneous nerves, inhibiting the secretion of the sudoriferous glands.

I have used circa 540.0 grams in 30 cases up to November 1, 1907; and my experience, limited as it is, is nevertheless encouraging.

In one case of neuralgia of the plexus brachialis there was no effect to be noted. In one case of ophthalmoplegic migraine and periodic paresis of the oculomotorius the pain was alleviated by the use of this drug. Furthermore, in two cases of tic convulsive, the use of bromural prepared the patients for psychotherapeutic treatment; whereas, prior to the administration of the drug, they did not yield to suggestion. In two cases of heart disease (one a case of compensated insufficiency of the mitralis, the other a case of degeneration of the heartmuscle), the use of bromural benefited the irritable nervous condition and produced sleep, whereas, on the other hand, the bromide salts, validol, valyl, bornyval and the usual hypnotics did not bring any relief. In a case of tachycardia of nervous origin the accelerated heart action was reduced. In one case of epilepsy the effect was doubtful, because the patient had been under bromopin for a long time before the bromural was used. The rest of my cases were mostly neurasthenic patients, especially business men working under hard pressure and great responsibility. In these, as well as in the other cases I have mentioned, the bromide salts alone, or in combination with the newer valerian derivatives, or the latter alone, did not give as good results as bromural. Very favorable was the effect in patients with morbid fears due to neurasthenia ("Centralangst").

Bromural is not a hypnotic in the ordinary sense; it is a nerve sedative. It has a calmative action, and indirectly produces a sleep which shows no deviation from the normal. Its action is more prompt than that of the bromide salts. It has not the depressing effect of the latter; it does not affect the stomach as the latter do; nor does it produce acne or stupor. So far as my experience goes, I have not seen any undesirable or unpleasant effects, nor any cumulative tendency. It certainly does not render the patient less capable for work—a fact which is so frequently observed after administering the other preparations of bromide. In the majority of my cases, bromural was given in doses of 0.3 three times a day, which seemed to be sufficient.

Notwithstanding the fact that new drugs are constantly being recommended, with more enthusiasm than objective criticism, for one thing or another, I still feel justified to call the attention of my colleagues to the use of bromural as a sedative.

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ALUMNI MEETINGS.

To the alumni of the Kentucky School of Medicine—During the meeting of the American Medical Association there will be a reunion and banquet of the alumni of our college at the Auditorium Hotel, June 2, 1908, at 6:30 p. m.

The members of the faculty will be present, and hope to meet the alumni from the entire country.

An attractive musical program is being arranged and there will be addresses from the alumni and members of the faculty.

Address all communications to Dr. J. R. Pennington, secretary of the alumni committee, appointed by the American Medical Association for the Kentucky School of Medicine, 103 State st., Chicago.

The approaching meeting of the American Association will be held in Chicago, June 2-5, 1908. The Northwestern University Medical School is fortunate this year in having a combination of the alumni week with a meeting of the American Medical Association. One of the special features of this session of the American Medical Association is to be a series of alumni reunions of the different medical colleges in this country. Owing to the central location of Chicago and its unusual opportunities, we anticipate a larger attendance than usual. A cordial invitation is extended to every graduate of the Northwestern University Medical School to be present at the annual alumni dinner which will be held on Tuesday evening, June 2, at 5 p. m., at the New Illinois Athletic Club, 145 Michigan avenue.

ROBT. T. GILLMORE,
Chairman Alumni Week Committee.

FREDERICK R. GREEN,
Member of Alumni Committee for the N. W. University Medical School.

COLLEGE REUNIONS.

In connection with the approaching session of the American Medical Association, special college reunions are to be held on the evening of June 2. It has been decided to combine the annual commencement dinner tendered to the graduating class and the alumni, by the faculty of Northwestern University Medical School, with the alumni banquet to be held during the meeting of the American Medical Association. This dinner will be held at the Illinois Athletic Club on Michigan avenue on the evening of June 2. It is hoped that all graduates of the Northwestern University Medical School will be present at the meeting of the association and will attend this dinner. In order that this notice may reach all of our alumni we shall greatly appreciate it if you will announce this dinner through the news columns of your Journal.

NOTICE TO ALUMNI OF THE TULANE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

It is important that all graduates of Tulane intending to be present at the meeting of the A. M. A. in Chicago, June 2 to 5, should write at once to Dr. Hugh B. Williams, No. 100 State st., for information concerning the gathering of the alumni on June 2. Tulane headquarters will be at the Auditorium Hotel and alumni are urged to call upon their arrival for information. This is important.